

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending, and are subject to restriction and election requirements.

A new restriction requirement has been advanced as set forth at page 2 of the Action. That restriction is from among the following three groups:

I. Claims 1-8 and 33-35, drawn to a composition;

II. Claims 9-15, 18-26, 29-32 and 36-38, drawn to a prepreg or towpreg; and

III. Claims 16-17, 27-28 and 39, drawn to a process for producing a prepreg or towpreg.

In addition, a new election of species has been required as set forth on pages 3-6 of the Action. That election is from the following Species Groups I to V if Group II is elected.

Species Group I:

Species 1 Drawn to a prepreg.

Species 2 Drawn to a towpreg.

Species Group II:

Species 1 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber layer is made from unidirectional fibers.

Species 2 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber layer is made from woven fibers.

Species Group III:

Species 1 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is carbon.

Species 2 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is glass.

Species 3 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is aramid.

Species 4 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is boron.

Species 5 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is polyalkylene.

Species 6 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is quartz.

Species 7 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is polybenzimidazole.

Species 8 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is polyetheretherketone.

Species 9 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is polyphenylene sulfide.

- Species 10 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is poly p-phenylene benzobisoxazole.
- Species 11 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is silicon carbide.
- Species 12 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is phenolformaldehyde.
- Species 13 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is phthalate.
- Species 14 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the fiber is naphthenoate.

Species Group IV:

- Species 1 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass is S glass.
- Species 2 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass is S2 glass.
- Species 3 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass is E glass.
- Species 4 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass is R glass.
- Species 5 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass is A glass.

Species 6 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is AR glass.

Species 7 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is C glass.

Species 8 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is D glass.

Species 9 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is ECR glass.

Species 10 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is glass filament.

Species 11 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is staple glass.

Species 12 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is T glass.

Species 13 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the glass
 is zirconium oxide glass.

Species Group V:

Species 1 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the carbon
 is polyacrylonitrile.

Species 2 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the carbon
 is pitch.

Species 3 Drawn to a prepreg or towpreg wherein the carbon
 is acrylic.

In view of these new restriction and election requirements, Applicants expressly withdraw their previous election made in their April 11, 2005 Response to Restriction Requirement.

Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute herein the claims identified for Group I; that is, Claims 1-8 and 33-35.

Having elected to prosecute herein the claims of Group I, Applicants understand that no requirement has been advanced to elect the enumerated species. As such, Applicants do not make such election herein.

Applicants submit however that no additional effort would be required and thus no drain on Patent and Trademark resources would occur with a search and examination of all the claims in one application. As such, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

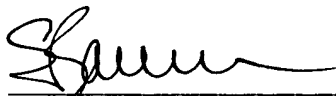
Having made the above election, Applicants respectfully request a prompt and favorable examination of the subject application.

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